



**Nevada GEAR UP
First Year**

Subgrantee: Nye County School District
Name of School: Amargosa Elementary School
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Amargosa, NV 89020
Phone Number; (775) 372-5324 **FAX:** (775) 372-5314
FY 02 Award: \$25,000.00
of students: 18

The GEAR UP program has the full support of the Amargosa Elementary School Principal. The lead person/coordinator for the GEAR UP program is a seventh-grade teacher. A teacher tutor will assist the coordinator.

The school will contract a local college or university to work with the School Base Team Members in meeting the goals and objectives of the GEAR UP program. The GEAR UP program funding will be used for the target students to develop Individual Improvement Plans, provide travel expenses for participation in UNLV and CCSN GEAR UP student activities, foster student academic tutoring, and promote student service and volunteerism. The Individual Improvement Plans will address the following vital areas.

1. Provide a student academic assessment profile containing strengths and weaknesses, based on school performance records and input from teachers, parents, and students.
2. Provide a strategic plan for correcting weaknesses and fostering strengths that has measurable benchmarks/milestones for students to achieve.
3. Provide a road map to higher education by which students and parents can clearly understand university enrollment requirements.

NDE GEAR UP will receive copies of the Individual Improvement Plans developed for each seventh-grade student in the program, along with an evaluation of the student progress in achieving the plan's benchmarks/milestones.

Academic Enrichment: Parents and students will buy into the GEAR UP program through student credits and field trips that are tied to academic performance. The School Base Team Members will allocate student credit hours based on students achieving their measurable benchmarks/milestones as documented in their Individual Improvement Plans. Student credits will be used as incentives for community service work in projects with the local library, tutoring younger children, parks, senior center, police or fire departments, and/or other civic activities.



There will also be two teacher tutors to work after school with these seventh-grade students on improving academic performance and achieving the goals set in their Individual Improvement Plans.

Professional Development: Staff will be involved in the Eisenhower Professional Development Institute provided in June 2002.

Parent Involvement: The school plans to fully involve the parents by enlisting their support, educating them on the benefits of higher education, helping them to understand college financial assistance, answering questions on campus housing, college safety, career options, and the time needed to complete a degree program. Parents will also be encouraged to act as chaperones for student field trips. The college consultant will meet with parents, teachers, and students once a month to act as mentors, advisors, and counselors to discuss the students' Individual Improvement Plans.

Tutoring/Mentoring: Two Amargosa Elementary School teachers will be hired to act as tutors and mentors for the seventh-grade students. The teachers will provide individual attention and tutoring to students to help them overcome academic deficiencies. One teacher will be designated to act as a coordinator with responsibility for recordkeeping, data collection, and reporting.

Support System: The school will contract with a local college to provide supportive services for the successful implementation of the program. The contractor will develop an Individual Improvement Plan for each of the seventh-grade students, provide monthly visits, and arrange a career day at the school.

Evaluation Data Collection: The GEAR UP Program Coordinator will assure that all program data is collected and evaluated in conjunction with the college contractor and the project participants. When the target students are in the eighth-grade, the Nye county School District will administer the Terra Nova Test to these pupils to determine their academic levels in Reading, Math, Science, language Arts, Social Studies, and spelling. This testing will be evaluated and discussed with parents, and the data will be sent to the NDE GEAR UP Coordinator.